

HOUSE BILL No. 1367

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-12-19.5.

Synopsis: College room and board expense exemption. Provides an exemption from the payment of room and board expenses at a state educational institution for the surviving spouse or children of a public safety officer killed in the line of duty. Annually appropriates to each state educational institution an amount sufficient to pay for the exemptions.

Effective: July 1, 2007.

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January 16, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2006 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-12-19.5-0.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: **Sec. 0.5. As used in this chapter, "state**
4 **educational institution" has the meaning set forth in**
5 **IC 20-12-0.5-1.**

6 SECTION 2. IC 20-12-19.5-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.8-2006,
7 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
8 JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 1. (a) The children of:

- 9 (1) regular, paid law enforcement officers;
10 (2) regular, paid firefighters;
11 (3) volunteer firefighters (as defined in IC 36-8-12-2);
12 (4) county police reserve officers;
13 (5) city police reserve officers;
14 (6) paramedics (as defined in IC 16-18-2-266);
15 (7) emergency medical technicians (as defined in
16 IC 16-18-2-112);
17 (8) advanced emergency medical technicians (as defined in



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1 IC 16-18-2-6) (repealed); or

2 (9) hazardous duty employees of the department of correction
3 who:

4 (A) work within a prison or juvenile facility; or

5 (B) perform parole or emergency response operations and
6 functions;

7 who have been killed in the line of duty shall not be required to pay
8 tuition, **room and board**, or mandatory fees at any state ~~supported~~
9 ~~college, university, or technical school~~, **educational institution** so long
10 as the children are under the age of twenty-three (23) and are full-time
11 students pursuing a prescribed course of study.

12 (b) The surviving spouse of:

13 (1) a regular, paid law enforcement officer;

14 (2) a regular, paid firefighter;

15 (3) a volunteer firefighter (as defined in IC 36-8-12-2);

16 (4) a county police reserve officer;

17 (5) a city police reserve officer;

18 (6) a paramedic (as defined in IC 16-18-2-266);

19 (7) an emergency medical technician (as defined in
20 IC 16-18-2-112);

21 (8) an advanced emergency medical technician (as defined in
22 IC 16-18-2-6) (repealed); or

23 (9) a hazardous duty employee of the department of correction
24 who:

25 (A) works within a prison or juvenile facility; or

26 (B) performs parole or emergency response operations and
27 functions;

28 who has been killed in the line of duty may not be required to pay
29 tuition, **room and board**, or mandatory fees at any state ~~supported~~
30 ~~college, university, or technical school~~, **educational institution** so long
31 as the surviving spouse is pursuing a prescribed course of study at the
32 institution towards an undergraduate degree.

33 (c) This section applies to the children and surviving spouse of:

34 (1) a regular, paid law enforcement officer;

35 (2) a regular, paid firefighter;

36 (3) a volunteer firefighter (as defined in IC 36-8-12-2);

37 (4) a county police reserve officer;

38 (5) a city police reserve officer;

39 (6) a paramedic (as defined in IC 16-18-2-266);

40 (7) an emergency medical technician (as defined in
41 IC 16-18-2-112);

42 (8) an advanced emergency medical technician (as defined in

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IC 16-18-2-6) (repealed); or
 (9) a hazardous duty employee of the department of correction
 who:

(A) works within a prison or juvenile facility; or

(B) performs parole or emergency response operations and
 functions;

if the public safety officer described in this subsection was a resident
 of Indiana and was killed in the line of duty before, on, or after July 1,
 1993.

SECTION 3. IC 20-12-19.5-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 2. The amount of the
 benefits under this chapter is equal to one (1) of the following amounts:

(1) If the applicant does not receive financial assistance
 specifically designated for tuition, **room and board**, and
 mandatory fees, the amount determined under section 1 of this
 chapter.

(2) If the applicant receives financial assistance specifically
 designated for tuition, **room and board**, and mandatory fees:

(A) the amount determined under section 1 of this chapter;
 minus

(B) the financial assistance specifically designated for tuition,
room and board, and mandatory fees.

SECTION 4. IC 20-12-19.5-3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: **Sec. 3. There is annually appropriated
 to each state educational institution from the state general fund an
 amount sufficient to carry out the purposes of this chapter.**

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